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SUBJECT: MOBUTU ANNOUNCES MOVES AFFECTING ZAIRE'S
PORTUGUESE RESIDENTS

REF: KINSHASA 10325 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: IN COURSE OF MOBUTU'S ANNUAL POLICY SPEECH
TO NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 30, HE
CALLED ON ZAIRIANS TO HATE THOSE PORTUGUESE WHO ENSLAVE
ANGOLANS. HE ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT PORTUGUESE RESIDENTS
MUST EVACUATE REGIONS OF ZAIRE BORDERING ON ANGOLA AND
TURN THEIR PROPERTY OVER TO ZAIRIANS. END SUMMARY.

2. CITING ZAIRE'S DUTY TO COMBAT COLONIALISM AS SET

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FORTH IN HIS UNGA SPEECH OF OCTOBER 4, MOBUTU ASKED

ALL ZAIRIANS TO NOURISH HATRED OF PORTUGUESE WHO ARE
ENSLAVING THEIR BROTHERS IN ANGOLA, MOZAMBIQUE, AND
CAPE VERDE ISLANS. (HE ALSO CALLED FOR HATRED OF BRITISH
IN RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICANS.) HE CALLED FOR MASS
MEETING THROUGHOUT ZAIRE TO SENSITNP PEOPLE CONCERNING
HEROIC STRUGGLE OF BROTHERS IN ANGOLA AND ELSEWHERE. BUT HE
CAUTIONED ZAIRIANS NOT TO MISINTERPRET HIS INSTRUCTIONS.
"I DO NOT SAY TO HATE THE PORTUGUESE PEOPLE, FOR THEY,
LIKE THE ANGOLANS, SUFFER FROM EXPLOITATION BY CAETANO
AND HIS ILK. PORTUGUESE SUBJECTS WHO HAVE CHOSEN ZAIRE
AS THEIR SECOND HOMELAND ARE TO BE CONSIDERED TRUE FRIENDS".

3. CITING ECONOMIC SABOTAGE BY FOREIGNERS IN FRONTIER
AREAS, MOBUTU ANNOUNCED DECISION TO EXPEL PORTUGUESE
RESIDING IN REGIONS OF BAS ZAIRE, BANDUNDU, WESTER
KASAI, AND SHABA. (HE ALSO SAID PAKISTANIS WOULD BE
EXPelled FROM CERTAIN REGIONS.) "UNDER SUPERVISION AND
ARBITRATION OF THE STATE, THEY MUST AT ONCE CEDE THEIR
ENTERPRISES TO ZAIRIANS IN THESE REGIONS". OWNERS WILL
RECEIVE INDEMNITY OVER TEN YEAR PERIOD AND ARE FREE
TO MOVE TO OTHER PARTS OF ZAIRE. OTHER MEASURES
ANNOUNCED BY MOBUTU INCLUDED NATIONWIDE TAKE-OVER OF
BULK OF FOREIGN OWNED CONCESSIONS, FARMS, PLANTATIONS,
RANCHES, ETC., PRE-DATING 1969 INVESTMENT CODE AND
TIGHTENING OF RESTRICTIONS ON EMPLOYMENT OF FOREIGNERS IN ZAIRE.
MAJOR US INVESTMENTS NOT AFFECTED.

4. COMMENT: FIRST REPORTS INDICATE REGIONAL AUTHORITIES
MOVED QUICKLY TO IMPLEMENT THESE DECISIONS WITHOUT
AWAITING FURTHER GUIDANCE FROM KINSHASA, CAUSING
CONSIDERABLE CONFUSION. CLARIFYING INSTRUCTIONS MAY
EMERGE FROM SPECIAL MEETING OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE
COUNCIL WHICH MOBUTU HAS CALLED FOR DECEMBER 3.
MEASURE MAY REQUIRE SOME TIME TO IMPLEMENT. VANCE

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